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Housing Navigators for Youth

California's high housing costs have led to housing instability and homelessness. This reality is felt most by young people, including those who are or who have been in foster care. Housing stability is critical to the pursuit of higher education, meaningful employment, and self-sufficiency as they transition to adulthood. Failure to support youth find and secure housing results in increased chronic homelessness and disconnection as adults, which further traumatizes these young adults at a critical time in their young lives when they need security and stability to succeed.

Housing Navigators can assist youth with identifying appropriate and available housing options; help them access financial support for move-in costs such as deposits; and provide stabilization support including budgeting, establishing utilities, and landlord communication. To that end, the California Department of Housing and Community Development issued an Allocation Acceptance form dated February 7, 2020, under the Housing Navigators Program for \$5 million as authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act 2019, and as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of

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the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109).

The Housing Navigators Program will be administered by participating counties to fund Housing Navigators to act as housing specialists to young adults ages 18 to 21, and will assist with securing and maintaining housing. Priority will be given to young adults in the foster care system. In addition, Los Angeles County may use the funding to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that in order to participate in the State of California Housing Navigators Program, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to participate in the Housing Navigators Program.
- 2) Instruct the Director of DCFS to accept the Housing Navigators Allocation award to implement the Housing Navigators Program in the Los Angeles County, by submitting an application with the signed and attached approved resolution by the Board of Supervisors.
- 3) Instruct the Director of DCFS, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCFS and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to secure Housing Navigators as necessary for the administration of the program in Los Angeles County.
- 4) Instruct DCFS, in collaboration with DHS, to report back to the Board ninety (90) days after funding is issued with an implementation plan.

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Housing Navigators Program Allocation Acceptance Resolution for Counties

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Los Angeles

IN THE MATTER OF: Housing Navigators for Youth
RESOLUTION NO. Agenda Item No. 14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE
COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE HOUSING NAVIGATORS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued an Allocation Acceptance form, dated February 7, 2020 under the Housing Navigators Program (“HNP” or “Program”) for \$5 million authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109).

WHEREAS, the Allocation Acceptance form relates to the availability of HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (“Applicant”), was mentioned in the Allocation Acceptance form dated February 7, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles (“County”)** does hereby determine and declare as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept their HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, as detailed in the Allocation Acceptance form, up to the amount authorized the Allocation Acceptance form and applicable state law.

SECTION 2. That the **Director of the Department of Children and Family Services**, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act on behalf of County in connection with the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to be awarded the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation Award Documents”).

SECTION 3. That Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation Award Documents, and that Applicant will use the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award funds in accordance with the Allocation Acceptance form, other applicable rules and laws, the HNP Program Documents, and any and all HNP requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of march, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors NOES: NONE

Solis
Ridley-Thomas
Kuehl
Hahn
Barger

ABSTENTIONS: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CELIA ZAVALA
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Board of Supervisors of the
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